

# AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS



815 SIXTEENTH STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

JOHN J. SWEENEY  
PRESIDENT

RICHARD L. TRUMKA  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

LINDA CHAVEZ-THOMPSON  
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

## **LEGISLATIVE ALERT!**

(202) 637-5090

April 9, 2002

Dear Representative:

On Wednesday, the House will consider H.R. 3925, the "Digital Tech Corps Act," which would establish an "exchange program" to allow executives from private sector firms to temporarily serve in senior-level positions and manage federal agencies' information technology efforts and administer information technology contracts.

The AFL-CIO urges you to support an amendment that will be offered by Rep. Henry Waxman to eliminate potential conflicts of interest by preventing incoming business executives from having access to trade secrets and non-public information with commercial value. It would also help agencies develop the in-house capabilities they need to manage their information technology programs and contracts.

More importantly, the Waxman amendment would allow agencies to enhance their information technology management by establishing a rigorous program to train and recruit federal employees in information technology disciplines. This is a much better use of limited training dollars than simply sending federal employee information technology professionals to work temporarily in the private sector.

The AFL-CIO urges you to support the Waxman amendment to H.R. 3925, the Digital Tech Corps Act.

Sincerely,

William Samuel, Director  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATION